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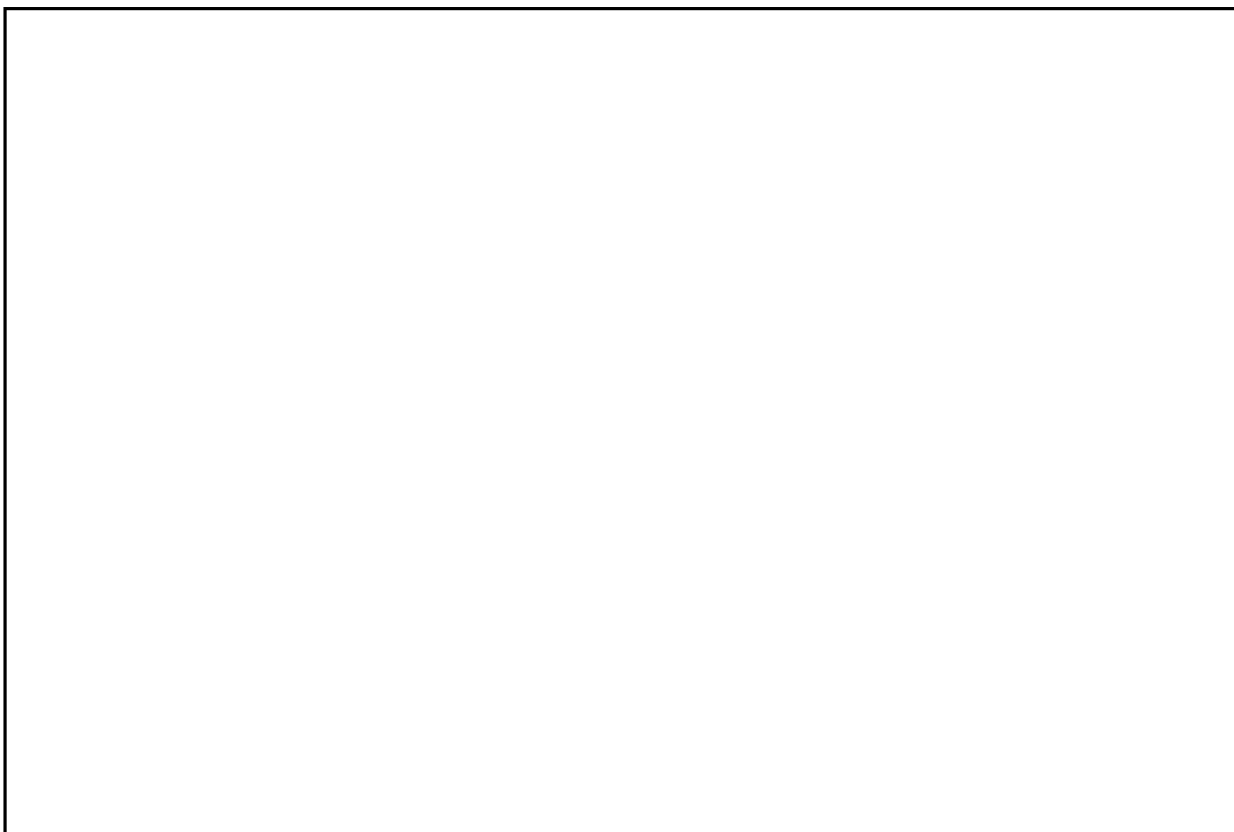
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Lieutenant General W. Bedell Smith,  
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Dear Bedell:



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Now I refer to a matter which needs further inquiry and discussion:

I have been receiving disquieting and disturbing rumors which, if true, would seriously affect your organization. They concern: (a) the separation of secret intelligence and

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secret operations; (b) the establishment in State of the overall Research and Analysis Branch with resultant subordination of your research operations.

These may be distortions of what is really going on -- but in view of the harm that can be done by people ignorant of clandestine operations, I am sure you will want to make inquiries.

Secret Intelligence and clandestine subversive operations must be under one directing hand. It was the integration of intelligence and subversive activities that proved so useful in OSS. It was this example that the British and the French ultimately followed.

These two forces must work together in a common clandestine pattern. Please don't let them destroy this pattern before you have the opportunity to examine its significance.

Also -- on the overall (both covert and overt) intelligence side, it is necessary to study and clarify the reasons for the present organization.

Unless properly and quickly understood and dealt with these matters, if more than mere gossip, could mess up your agency before you step in to take charge.

Sincerely yours,

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